

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* application of:

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Analytes**

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.121**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of July 20, 2006.

It is not believed that any extensions of time are necessary beyond what may be submitted with this communication. If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to account number 50-3120.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.